

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended): An image formation method comprising:

forming a toner image by employing a toner having a surface to which a titanium black adheres, the titanium black being subjected to a hydrophobicity-providing treatment, and

~~a process of fixing [[a]] the toner image on a surface of a recording medium onto a surface thereof by flash exposure by flash light,~~

~~characterized by employing a toner having a surface to which a wherein the titanium black adheres, the titanium black being subjected to a hydrophobicity-providing treatment and is~~ changed in color from black to white by flash light, the flash light having energy of 0.5 through 3.0 J/cm<sup>2</sup> and luminous time of 500 through 3000  $\mu$ s.